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Guru Sangeet Academy was established by Ustad Baljit Singh Namdhari, to keep the ancient tradition of Guru and Shishya(Parampara) relations alive in today's world. In this music academy students are being taught Indian classical music, Gurbani Kirtan(Classical) with

raagas in its original form and rare indian ancient instruments like Dilruba, Esraj, Tauus, Rabab, Tar-shehnai along with Harmonium and Tabla.



Ustad Bismillah Khan sahib accepted Baljit Singh as his disciple in the presence of Satguru ji.

Gurbani Classical and Indian Classical music have always laid deep emphasis on the significance of Guru-Shishya Parampara. It is believed that to learn music

deeply and truly one has to surrender themselves to their Gurus. The Parampara delineates the Guru as the supreme power and the student shows eternal respect toward his knowledge-father. Many World-renowned artists continue to keep their identity attached to their Gurus.

Guru Sangeet Academy offers lessons in Indian classical music, Authentic Gurbani Kirtan, and Rare Ancient Instruments like Dilruba, Esraj, Taus, Rabab, Tar-shehnai along with Sarangi, Harmonium, and Tabla. Though Ustad Ji is teaching music for 40 years to hundreds of disciples all over the world this initiative is a revolutionary step for the new generation who are seeking guidance to pursue music as a career. While today's generation is under the influence of western culture and is forgetting the incredible Indian classical music and customs, this initiative helps to inculcate and tune in the demolishing art.

Ustad Baljit Singh Namdhari, Fateh Singh Namdhari, and Luxmi Namdhari have been taking music classes in the Academy with modern creative fun learning ideas making it more interesting to understand than ever. According to the teaching concept of Ustad Ji, consistency and patience is the key to learning music, not for the student only but for the teacher as well.

Ustad Ji always believes in connecting spiritually with music. The techniques used to teach Music to the students in Guru Sangeet Academy are based on the vast experience of Gurus and Masters which is passed from generation to generation.

Principles we believe in Guru Sangeet Academy our academy:

1. Disciplines you and improves the presence of the mind. Learning Gurbani Classical/Hindustani music requires a lot of training and patience. The practice of music improves your presence of mind. Singing requires you to stay in tune with the musicians, and maintain a pitch and all of this helps in improving the presence of mind.
2. Learning Classical Music acts as a natural antidepressant. Classical music has a calming effect, it is said to normalize the abnormal blood flow and make you feel at ease and more peaceful.
3. Broadens communication skills. Learning how to sing or play an instrument improves your listening skills. You listen to the beats more carefully, and time yourself appropriately to make an impact when you raise your pitch and when you suddenly drop it. This practice in turn helps you to communicate better. Singing could even help you

express your feelings better. In case you cannot speak about it, you could simply articulate it in a musical manner.

4. Learning Hindustani Classical Music improves your memory. Studies have found that classical music enhances memory retrieval by reorganizing and creating pathways that were previously dormant.
5. Helps in building perseverance. Learning Hindustani music also teaches us the art to be persistent, and not give in so easily to any kind of pressure, no matter how difficult a task may seem to be. In the end, it all turns out well. Patience, practice, and perseverance are the three most important Ps of Indian classical music.
6. Learning Hindustani Classical Music acts as a catharsis. Music helps with the release of the bottled-up feeling. Singing Hindustani music, which depicts emotions so perfectly alleviates our mood greatly after releasing all the withheld emotions.
7. Learning music creates a spiritual link. For a musician, music is his dharma. The principle of "dhaarayate iti dharma" means virtues worthy of acceptance, which celebrates the natural flow of life without inhibitions. Many religions emphasize

singing as a way to build a connection with the Supreme Power. To establish a path of communication that helps us transcend and take the last journey back to where we truly belong, with Him.

8. Learning music reduces stress levels. It helps to regulate the heartbeats to calm it down and singing helps to control the breath. Hindustani music releases dopamine and serotonin and helps in balancing the levels of cortisol.

We follow Guru Shishya Parampara

- Teacher-Student Lineage Tradition.
- Guru — The Teacher.
- Shishya — Student of a guru.
- Parampara — An uninterrupted succession. “Gu” means dark and “Ru” means light. So, “Guru” can be roughly translated as darkness to light, or possibly one who leads from darkness to light. The Guru is a teacher who guides the Shishya’s (student’s) life or a spiritual mentor who leads the Shishya from blindness or ignorance to bliss, wisdom, and enlightenment.

Though we have entered into our new millennium, our culture remains unforgotten. We can say that the Guru is the core of all the education, arts, culture, and knowledge.

Since we are living in a modern era, we have access to various tools of science and technology, and learning or teaching online is considered one of the best innovations in the field of education.

So if you are among the one who is still thinking about joining a class in music, wait no more. Join online music classes in any discipline you desire to learn, Gurbani Classical/ Hindustani classical or instrumental music.





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Ustad Ji says today's youth is jaunty and they need a proper direction to make our traditional classical music and singing of top-notch quality. We tried hard altogether in this direction and our students worked hard with dedication and were praised, and beloved by all, a lot. We want that every child who's having an interest in music and are recognized by their parents via their small indications like humming and playing music beating table chair etc. to become good singers and musicians in the future.

Ustad Piara Singh Ji (Ustad Baljit Singh Ji's Teacher) used to say that the one who delicately learns music with devotion and faith in the teaching of the teacher turns out to be a great artist for sure. If we have a look into the pages of history, we can find famous names like Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Bade Gulam Ali Khan, etc. They worked hard under the Guru-Shishya tradition and get renowned for their art worldwide.

Whether you're a listener or performer, have no prior musical training, or have been classically trained in Indian/western instruments, Guru Sangeet Academy welcomes students with a range of beliefs and musical backgrounds. We are an inclusive school of music, and prior musical experience is not a requirement as we provide rigorous training in foundation musical skills.

GSA is committed to helping students of all ages and abilities realize their full potential. We encourage personal musical expression and our passionate and dedicated team of music teachers has extensive experience teaching students. We welcome families who wish to start learning together and offer a safe, focused, and supportive environment for all ages.

As well to learning during weekly classes during term-time, students have the opportunity to perform at a variety of events including kirtan darbars and festivals.

With a motive to spread Gurbani Classical Music(along with Hindustani Classical) with String Instruments like Esraj, Dilruba, Taus, Rabab, Tar-shehnai, Sarangi, etc widely. Academy commenced Guru Sangeet Festival in 2016. This Festival saw performances of legendary musicians and Guru Sangeet Academy's Students. Artists like Pt. Rajan Sajan Mishra, Pt. Yogesh Samsi, Pt. Ram Kumar Mishra, Sh. Ayaan Ali Bangash, Sh.

Fateh Singh Gangani, Sh. Nishant Gupta, Pt. Ajay Pohankar, Ms. Ragini Shankar, Pt. Sanju Sahai, Sh. Abhay Sopori, Pt. Shubh Maharaj, Sh. Pravin Godkhindi, Ustad Akram Khan, and many more along with performances by the Founders of Festival Ustad Baljit Singh Namdhari, Fateh Singh Namdhari, and Laxmi Namdhari.



By good fortune and grace Festival had seen the presence of Renowned Maestros and Musicians like Pt. Birju Maharaj, Smt Uma Sharma, Smt Gursharan Kaur, Sh. Darshan Kumar (T-series), Ms. Subhalakshmi Khan, Sh. Daler Mehendi, Smt Geetanjali Lal to many such more.

Academy's Students presented various Compositions in traditional Ragas and style such as Raag Tilang Chautaal,Raag Puriya Dhanasree Drut Teentaal, Raag Kanada Partaal, Raag Bageshree Rudra Taal,Raag Kedar Dhrupad ,Raag Bihag Drut Teentaal,Raag Poorvi Drut Teentaal ,Raag Gauri Poorvi Padtaal, Raag Gauri to many more.